IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are presently active in this application. Claims 4-13 are canceled, by the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; Claim 10 was objected to because of an informality; Claims 4 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 5, 8-10 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,466,802 to Blakeney, II et al. (herein "Blakeney II"); Claims 6, 7, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Blakeney II in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,311,064 to Bamburak et al. (herein "Bamburak"); and Claims 1-3 were allowed.

Initially Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter.

Regarding the objections to the drawings, the drawings and specification are amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Further, Claims 4-13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereby rendering moot each of the rejections in the outstanding Office Action.

Application No. 09/893,446 Reply to Office Action of May 20, 2005

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Eckhard H. Kuesters

Registration No. 28,870

Attorney of Record

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAJER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Customer Number} \\ 22850 \end{array}$

Tel: (703) 413-3000 Fax: (703) 413 -2220 (OSMMN 06/04)

EHK:ZSS:dnf

I:\aTTY\EHK\AMEND-RESPONSES\0039\21s\210672US-AM1.DOC